

## **Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

### **Goals and Objectives Statement**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

#### **Purpose:**

Coordinate with Pender County, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization, Pender Adult Services, The Nature Conservancy Village of St. Helena, and the Towns of Atkinson, Burgaw, Surf City, Topsail Beach, Wallace, and Watha to analyze all methods of transportation utilized within these areas and to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) to serve as a policy document for all future transportation needs and recommendations.

#### **Vision:**

Enhance the connectivity of Pender County through the development of a multi-modal transportation network which provides safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable transportation alternatives. Develop this transportation network to improve quality of life and economic vitality while maintaining compatibility with existing and future environmental and land use patterns.

#### **Goals:**

1. Coordinate transportation and land use plans with Pender County and its municipalities, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization, and other partner agencies.
2. Coordinate recommendations with those of the Topsail Area Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Wilmington Metropolitan Area Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
3. Establish a county-wide multi-modal transportation system to ensure that safe and reliable alternatives are available to County residents, visitors, and travelers by utilizing existing rights-of-way and new alignments.
4. Encourage right-of-way preservation to ensure expansion of the existing system and for future new alignments.
5. Analyze capacity and crash data in order to make recommendations where needed to reduce congestion and improve safety.
6. Make informed transportation decisions that consider impacts to sensitive environmental areas.
7. Educate the public on general transportation issues as well as alternative forms of transportation.
8. Develop a network that minimizes the need for expansion of roadways within incorporated towns and rural community centers so that the rural nature and character of these locations is maintained.